

Noticias Timor-Leste



TIMORESE YOUTH EXPRESS DREAMS FOR A "NEW TIMOR" AT LAUNCH OF USAID'S PEACEBUILDING CAMPAIGN

LOS PALOS--Thousands of young people attended the launch of USAID's peacebuilding campaign on April 20th. The campaign, dubbed "Dreaming Timor-Leste," was launched during the annual Easter youth gathering here, the first such event to be held after the crisis broke out a year ago.

USAID sponsored a peace concert and "dream graffiti" contest in which representatives from 11 out of 13 districts participated. The contest offered participants a chance to express their hopes and dreams for their future and country. The resulting images conveyed the youths' hopes for peace, national unity, and for a "new Timor". Budding artists representing Manatuto, Dili and Suai took the top three prizes for the "dream graffiti" activity, with youth from Aileu and Viqueque finishing in fourth and fifth place, respectively. "What you dream for the future of your country can happen. At one time, independence must have seemed an impossible dream, but it came true. What is your dream (now) for Timor-Leste?" Brian Frantz from USAID explained the campaign to the audience.



Photos from top to bottom, left to right: It all starts with a blank canvas; A shape emerges...; ...then becomes an image; The contestants present their "new Timor" dream graffiti; Frantz welcomes the crowd to the "Dreaming Timor-Leste" cultural night; Youth easter participants join the campaign launch; Lighting a candle for peace, and dreaming for Timor-Leste.

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